

House Resolution No. 2213

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since Wilbur Owen lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Melva Thomas, during a solemn ceremony on March 16, 1947, at Marshfield First Baptist Church in Marshfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Wilbur and Melva Owen have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children and their spouses, Kaye and Ray Brinson of Nixa, Connie and Wayne Galbraith of Marshfield, Lucinda and Greg Wadley of Overland Park, Kansas, and Deborah Owen of Marshfield; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Wilbur Owen has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a retired twenty-one-year employee of Midwest Breeders, a retired dairy farmer, and an Ordained Deacon at High Prairie Church; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Melva Owen further distinguished herself being active in the PTA and serving as Treasurer of High Prairie Church; and

Whereas, Wilbur and Melva Owen have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include hunting, fishing, sports, sewing, canning, and gardening; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Owen of Marshfield commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on March 16, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Wilbur and Melva Owen and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Owen, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2213, adopted April 18, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker